(c) what action has been taken by Government against the erring officials and whether Government propose to initiate fresh guidelines to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Doordarshan had telecast a news story fed by PTI-TV on 25-2-1990 which carried predictions about the likely results in elections to some State Assemblies. The protest lodged by the said party to the Election Commission was conveyed to Doordarshan by the Commission. An enquiry was ordered even before the Congress (I) protested against the telecast. Since presentation of such forecasts did not conform to the guidelines issued by the Government, the erring officials have been reprimanded and guidelines have once again been brought to the notice of all officers dealing with news. Issue of any fresh guidelines is not considered necessary.

Request for increase in Freedom Fighters pension

251. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Zone Freedom-Fighters Association has requested Government to enhance the pension to Rs. 1000 per month in view of the ever increasing rise in the prices of essential commodities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Association has also requested Government to grant Rs. 2000 to the family of deceased freedom fighter for the post-obit ceremonies; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No such demand from South Zone Freedom-Fighters Association has so far been received by Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a).

Development of surface transport in Andhra Pradesh

252. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have sent any proposals to Central Government for coordinated development of surface transport in the State; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have been from time to time projecting the requirements for construction and development of certain roads, canals etc. The important projects referred to by them have been the construction of coastal road from Tada to Itchapuram, development of existing National Highways conversion of some State roads as National Highways, development of four canals viz. Kakinada, Eluru, Commamur and Buckingam, Circular Railway or Mono Rail from Hyderabad City. There has however been no specific proposal for inter-modal coordinated development.

Commissioning of high power TV transmitter at Tirupati

253. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the progress made to commission high power T.V. Transmitter at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND